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SUBJ: SIHANOUK MESSAGE TO USG

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 452 (MAY 73) AND STATE 106425 (JUNE 73)

1. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH SUMMONED ME FOR NINE AM MEETING TODAY AND ADVISED THAT, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO PEKING, SIHANOUK HAD ASKED HIM PASS SIHANOUK'S FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO USG. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL SIHANOUK'S PREVIOUS USE THIS CHANNEL PASS SIMILAR MESSAGE IN MAY 1973 (REFTELS).

2. MESSAGE AS FOLLOWS:

A. IF USG WILLING STOP AID TO LON NOL'S KHMER REPUBLIC, SIHANOUK WOULD BE PREPARED MAINTAIN DIP RELATIONS WITH US ONCE FIGHTING CEASES AND HIS GOVERNMENT REESTABLISHED. SIHANOUK WOULD MADE GESTURE TO THIS EFFECT UPON RETURN TO PHNOM PEHN BY RECEIVING US AMBASSADOR AMONG OTHER AMBASSADORS HE WOULD CALL IN FOR PERSONAL BRIEFINGS.

B. REALIZING THAT US PREOCCUPIED WITH FATE MEMBERS PRESENT KHMER GOVERNMENT, PRINCE WILLING ALLOW LON NOL AND OTHER (UNSPECIFIED) OFFICIALS LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND GO INTO EXILE. IF USG WISHED EVACUATE MEMBERS KHMER GOVERNMENT, SIHANOUK WOULD DELAY ENTRY HIS TROOPS INTO PHNOM PEHN UNTIL US SIGNALS THAT EVACUATION COMPLETED.

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3. PRESIDENT REQUESTED I PASS ABOVE MESSAGE TO USG AND

RELAY REPLY TO HIM AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY FOR TRANSMISSION
TO SIHANOUK. PRESIDENT WILL MEET WITH SIHANOUK IN ALGIERS
LATE OCTOBER OR IN NOUAKCHOTT EARLY NOVEMBER, WHEN PRINCE
MAKES "PRIVATE" VISIT TO MAURITANIA.
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